

Abstract

Creative Project: Grow Youngstown

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Youngstown, Ohio, has been faced with a phenomenon of a shrinking population since the 1960s. The city now faces an abundance of vacant homes and neighborhood lots, dilapidated industrial sites, and an overall lack of community identity. In 2005, the City of Youngstown produced the *Youngstown 2010 Citywide Plan*, which outlined the plans for Youngstown's future as a smaller city - downsizing. A main goal for the plan was to green the city, and discover several methods to attain it. However, the plan did not recognize agriculture as a green revitalization method.

This creative project will introduce and outline the methods necessary to become a sustainable food city. The planning and design of a food precinct presents Youngstown an alternative greening method that will revitalize the city with food and agriculture, while using food to instill a new city identity. This proposal will encourage Youngstown to embark on a quest toward becoming a sustainable food city, and will act as a model for cities in similar predicaments.